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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Soviet Atomic Energy Estimate

1. In reply to the question posed by the NSC Staff, "As a consequence of the second Soviet A-bomb explosion, is there any change in the previous coordinated estimate of the Soviet Atomic Energy Program [redacted] dated 20 July 1951," the following information is submitted:

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a. The Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee is of the opinion that, on the basis of the preliminary information on the second Soviet atomic explosion now available to us, there is no reason for revising the estimate dated 20 July 1951 at this time.

b. More complete and detailed information on the explosion will not be available for [redacted] perhaps longer. When this more detailed information becomes available, the question will be reconsidered.

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2. It is requested that the above information be furnished only on a need-to-know basis.

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Director

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